

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth above and the remarks set forth below, is respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner restricted examination of claims 1-21 of the present application. The Examiner identified claim 1 as generic claim and instructed Applicants to elect a single species for prosecution. As such, Applicants have elected the species of claim 2 and claims 10-15 which are directed to a holder (as amended) comprising a tape reel. Accordingly, Applicants have withdrawn claims 3, 4 and 16-21 from consideration. Upon allowance of independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that all withdrawn claims will also be allowable.

Priority

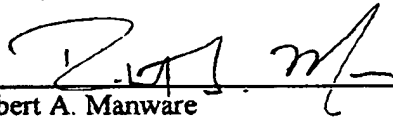
The Examiner objected to the recitation of "a shipping package," as not having adequate support in the parent application (now, U.S. Pat. No. 6,682,955) to which the present application claims priority to meet the enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion and submit that those skilled in the art would fully understand that the exemplary gel pack, tape reel and tray disclosed in the parent applications can all be categorized as "shipping packages." That is, the gel pack, tape reel and tray are all portable holders in which the die stacks may be transported or shipped. While the original application did not explicitly use the term "shipping package," those skilled in the art would appreciate that the disclosed gel pack, tape reel and tray may indeed be shipping packages. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the parent application provides adequate support

to enable one skilled in the art in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. While Applicants believe that the claims are filed are fully compliant, in furtherance of expedited prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 1-9 to recite a "holder," rather than "shipping package."

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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